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Occupied Germany:

OCCUPIED GERMANY:

In the following Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ending 28 September 1946. Summarized in Appendix "D" is a report of Animal Diseases by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the half month period 16—31 August 1946 (Veterinary reports are submitted semi-monthly).

Communicable Diseases:

For the second consecutive week no cases of typhus fever were reported in the Zone. Increases in Diphtheria in all areas raised the Zone incidence to a peak with 1058 cases reported or 33.01 per 10,000 population per annum. Scarlet fever and Tuberculosis declined slightly, interrupting the steady increase noted during the last four weeks. Incidence of measles declined markedly but is still well above the average. 24 cases of poliomyelitis were reported during the week, 9 less than in the preceding period. Malaria declined to its lowest incidence since April with only 12 cases reported. While there was no change in Syphilis, Gonorrhea increased by nearly 100 cases.

Hospitalization:

The VD Hospital in Wiesbaden was reported filled to capacity, necessitating ambulatory treatment of some contacts. This situation was relieved by the opening of a new VD Hospital in Oberursel on 7 October. The U. S. Army has released for civilian use two POW hospitals in Regensburg. This brings to a total of 305 the number of hospitals released by the Third Army since August 1945.

General Information:

The first meeting of the Laenderrat Public Health Committee was held 2 October. The committee considered various aspects of public health work requiring parallel action in the three Laender and laid preliminary plans for the solution of these problems.

Animal Diseases:

Appendix "D" gives a summary of animal diseases during the half month period 16—31 August 1946. The most prevalent diseases were swine erysipelas, fowl plague, and equine scabies. The hog cholera outbreak in RB Kassel is believed to be under control. Only a few more cases of dourine have occurred from the outbreak in early August in Baden. The foot-and-mouth infection in RB Wiesbaden has declined.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 28 September 1946

Regierungs- bezirk	Popu- lation	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																						c: Cases d: Deaths					
		Typhus Fever louse borne		Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	
TOTAL US Zone	16,679,390	P	c	—	—	—	—	1058 36	243 —	685 135	105 16	459 1	8 4	24 2	2823 —	988 —	171 10	50 1	25 2	—	7 —	10 —	3276 —	—	1 1	12 —	39 —	230 —	
Unterfranken	935,625	P	c	—	—	—	—	41 2	11 —	64 5	7 1	8 —	1 —	—	111 —	52 1	14 —	1 —	—	—	—	—	1 —	195 —	—	—	—	—	6 —
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	P	c	—	—	—	—	127 5	26 —	68 18	5 3	55 —	1 1	—	365 —	136 —	73 2	12 —	2 —	—	—	—	667 —	—	—	5 —	—	28 —	
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,866,526	P	c	—	—	—	—	71 1	25 —	48 9	9 —	41 —	—	—	265 —	85 —	22 3	1 —	1 —	—	—	—	451 —	—	—	1 —	—	5 —	
Schwaben	1,040,631	P	c	—	—	—	—	54 3	19 —	36 3	3 1	47 —	1 —	—	194 —	43 —	5 1	2 —	—	—	1 —	1 —	174 —	—	—	—	—	2 —	
Oberbayern	2,160,916	P	c	—	—	—	—	124 7	32 —	79 15	6 1	32 1	1 1	—	410 —	142 —	21 1	3 1	3 —	—	—	—	324 —	—	—	1 —	—	113 —	
Kassel	1,153,323	P	c	—	—	—	—	65 3	14 —	42 3	12 3	19 —	—	—	139 —	36 —	7 —	4 —	2 —	—	—	2 —	112 —	1 1	1 —	—	—	5 —	
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	P	c	—	—	—	—	85 3	18 —	68 15	6 1	55 —	1 —	—	323 —	117 —	1 —	7 —	1 —	—	—	—	195 —	—	—	1 —	1 —	—	
Hessen	1,178,132	P	c	—	—	—	—	64 2	11 —	66 6	4 —	57 —	—	—	177 —	50 —	3 —	3 —	1 —	—	—	5 —	315 —	—	—	—	26 —	62 —	
Baden	1,249,127	P	c	—	—	—	—	107 —	18 —	49 11	9 2	56 —	1 —	—	173 —	55 —	7 —	—	1 —	—	4 —	1 —	496 —	—	—	—	—	—	
Wuerttemberg	2,044,156	P	c	—	—	—	—	138 6	30 —	64 22	20 3	86 —	—	1 —	209 —	111 —	9 1	10 —	—	—	2 —	—	121 —	—	—	—	—	9 —	
Bremen Enclave	478,106	P	c	—	—	—	—	64 3	11 —	15 3	4 —	3 —	—	—	124 —	42 —	3 —	3 —	—	—	—	—	226 —	—	—	—	12 —	—	
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	P	c	—	—	—	—	118 1	28 —	59 25	20 1	—	2 2	1 —	333 —	119 —	6 1	4 —	14 —	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 —	—	—	

+ No data submitted.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 28 September 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE c: Cases d: Deaths																											
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles		
Bavaria	8,169,731	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	417	113	295	30	183	4	5	1345	458	135	19	6	—	1	2	1811	—	—	7	—	154	
Greater Hesse	3,793,452	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	43	176	22	131	2	—	—	—	8	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	27	76	
Württemberg Baden	3,293,283	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	214	48	24	4	—	1	—	639	203	11	14	4	—	—	7	622	—	1	—	—	—	
Bremen Enclave	478,106	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	245	—	113	29	142	1	6	382	166	16	10	1	—	—	6	1	617	—	—	—	—	—
Total US Zone	16,679,390	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	11	15	4	3	—	3	124	42	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	226	—	—	—	—	—
		c	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		c	—	—	—	—	—	—	118	28	59	20	+	2	1	333	119	6	4	14	—	—	—	+	+	—	3	+	+	+
		c	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	25	25	1	+	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		c	—	—	—	—	—	—	1058	243	658	105	459	8	24	2823	988	171	50	25	—	7	10	3276	—	1	12	39	230	—
		d	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	—	135	16	1	4	2	—	—	10	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,169,731									26.52	7.19	18.76	1.91	11.64	.25	.32	85.54	29.13	8.59	1.21	.38	—	.06	.13	115.18	—	—	.44	—	9.79
Greater Hesse	3,793,452									29.34	5.89	24.13	3.02	17.96	.14	1.23	87.61	27.83	1.51	1.92	.55	—	—	.96	85.28	—	.14	.27	3.70	9.18
Württemberg-Baden	3,293,283									38.68	7.58	17.84	4.58	22.42	.16	.95	60.32	26.21	2.53	1.58	.16	—	.95	.16	97.42	—	—	—	—	1.42
Bremen Enclave	478,106									69.61	11.96	16.31	4.35	3.26	—	.3	134.86	45.68	3.26	3.26	—	—	—	—	245.80	—	—	—	13.05	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818									64.95	15.41	32.47	11.01	+	1.10	.55	183.28	65.50	3.30	2.20	7.71	—	—	—	+	—	1.65	+	—	—
Total US Zone	16,679,390									33.01	7.58	20.53	3.28	14.32	.25	.75	88.08	30.83	5.33	1.56	.78	—	.22	.31	102.21	—	.03	.37	1.22	7.18

+ No data submitted

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 21 September 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Total US Zone	a) 16,679,390	—	—	—	—	—	—	33.01	7.58	20.53	3.28	14.32	.25	.75	88.08	30.83	5.33	1.56	.78	—	.22	.31	102.21	—	.03	.37	1.22	7.18
Unterfranken	935,625	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.79	6.11	35.57	3.89	4.45	.56	—	61.69	28.90	7.78	.56	—	—	—	.56	108.38	—	—	—	—	3.33
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.49	6.24	16.33	1.20	13.20	.24	.24	87.64	32.65	17.53	2.88	.48	—	—	—	160.15	—	—	1.20	—	6.72
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,866,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.78	6.96	13.37	2.51	11.42	—	.56	73.83	23.68	6.13	.28	.28	—	—	—	125.65	—	—	.28	—	1.39
Schwaben	1,040,631	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.98	9.49	17.99	1.50	23.49	.50	—	96.94	21.49	2.50	1.00	—	.50	.50	.50	86.95	—	—	—	—	1.00
Oberbayern	2,160,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.83	7.70	19.01	1.44	7.70	.24	.48	98.65	34.16	5.05	.72	.72	—	—	—	77.95	—	—	.24	—	27.19
Kassel	1,153,323	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.31	6.31	18.94	5.41	8.57	—	.45	62.67	16.23	3.16	1.80	.90	—	—	.90	50.50	—	.45	.45	—	2.25
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.23	6.40	24.19	2.13	19.56	.36	2.85	114.89	41.17	.36	2.49	.36	—	—	—	69.36	—	—	.36	—	—
Hessen	1,178,132	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.25	4.85	29.13	1.77	25.16	—	—	78.13	22.07	1.32	1.32	.44	—	—	2.21	139.04	—	—	—	11.48	27.37
Baden	1,249,127	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.54	7.49	20.40	3.75	23.31	.42	2.08	72.02	22.90	2.91	—	.42	—	1.65	.42	206.46	—	—	—	—	—
Württemberg	2,044,156	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.11	7.63	16.26	5.09	21.88	—	.25	53.17	23.24	2.29	2.54	—	.51	—	.51	30.78	—	—	—	—	2.29
Bremen Enclave	478,106	—	—	—	—	—	—	69.61	11.96	16.31	4.35	3.26	—	3.26	134.86	45.68	3.26	.26	—	—	—	—	245.80	—	—	—	13.05	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	—	—	—	—	—	—	64.95	15.41	32.47	11.01	—	1.10	.55	187.28	65.50	3.30	2.20	7.71	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.65	—	—

a) Bremen included in totals on this report. + No data submitted.

(Rates Expressed as per 10,000 per Annum)

APPENDIX "D" Incidence of Communicable Animal Diseases in United States Zone of Germany for period 16-31 Aug. 1946

Figures are numbers of farms newly infected during the period

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Regierungsbezirk	Anthrax																										
	Blackleg																										
	Cholera of pigs																										
	Cholera of fowl																										
	Colial vesicular exanthema of cattle																										
	Contagious pleuropneumonia of cattle																										
	Dourine of horses																										
	Encephalomyelitis of pigs																										
	Encephalomyelitis of horses																										
	Erysipelas of pigs																										
TOTAL US ZONE 1-15 July									3	615	134	8	85		9		185			2	113	3					
		2		7						1015	226	2	8	13		79					104	1		1	4		
		1		5						958	109		16	5	5	114	1				21	4		5	8		
				1	36		26	1					9	8	8	151				1	45	24		1	4		
				9			3		1	793	48		5		3	151					35			1			
										417																	
										22																	
										94							1				2						
										156				2	2	62					18						
										35			2			8					1						
LAND GREATER HESSE										110		3			1	80					14						
			9							193	48				1						4	6					
			9							77					1						1						
										53	48										2	2					
LAND WUERTTEMBERG-BADEN										63											1	4					
									1	183			4		4					1	3	18					
							3						4		2						3			4			
							3		1	59					2					1		18		3			
BREMEN ENCLAVE										124											1				1		
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